GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Study on Power Plants
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted a study on the health of people residing near coal based thermal power plants which revealed unsafe levels of mercury in their blood sample and as high as 110 parts per billion at a time in the States like Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Punjab:
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the study report has indicated widespread radioactive contaminations of the environment impacting the health of pregnant women and children and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government to safeguard the health of people residing in such areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has not conducted any study on the health of the people residing near coal based thermal power plants that release unsafe level of Mercury in their blood samples;

(b) to (d)Does not arise in view of answer at (a) above.

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